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The Declaration under 37 CFR 1.608(a) filed by the Applicant to request an interference has been received. However, the Applicant's request for an interference does not meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.607(a). In order to request an interference, the applicant must meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.607(a). See MPEP 2307.

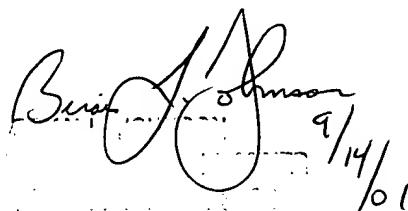
Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to send a request for interference which is in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.607(a). See MPEP 2307; 37 CFR 1.607(a). THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deanna L. Draper whose telephone number is 703-306-5939. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Johnson can be reached on 703-308-0885. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7687 for regular communications and 703-305-7687 for After Final communications.

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Due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

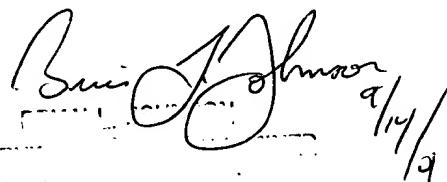
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